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Truth, mercy and charity give peace
and long life to the good citizen.

Lepidus university will celebrate its
five hundredth anniversary in 1909.

Alaska has 13 newspapers, Arizona
63, New York the largest number—
1,937.

Fort Dodge girls object to being led
to the altar by an escort of police
men.

Doris is taking to horse steaks, but
it still draws the line at automobile
tires.

The life and death of a seed man is
a volume of glory on the shelf of
memory.

The most hated man in Russia is
dead, but it will not be long before
there is another one.

Plutony is the current coin that
cutting fellows pay to fool pharisees
plebs for ready cash.

Mark Twain isn't wearing his new
white full dress suit this week. He
has sent it to be cleaned.

The average daily transactions of
the New York clearing house make a
grand total of \$357,071,688.

"There's still real whisky in old Ken-
tucky," says Henry Watterson. And
still the colonial went away.

It is a great deal better to let other
people's sins take them than it is to
let them do your thinking for you.

They are killing does now in the
ten to find out if they have souls.
The innocent public will be apt to
make the comment on their experi-
ments that there are a few things
yet about the material bodies of hu-
manity which the scientists have not
yet figured out.

A bill involving the punishment
of people who carelessly shoot men
who have been mistaken for deer has
been passed by the legislature of the
state of Maine. It is evident that
Maine's legislators regard it as no
more than reasonable to expect the
man with a gun to look before he
shoots.

J. A. L. Waddell, a prize engineer
of Kansas City, Mo., has received
from the fair of Russia notification
that he has been chosen to mem-
ber in the Society of Honorees, an
organization recently formed by the
czar's sister, Grand Duchess Olga.

This distinction has been conferred
because of Mr. Waddell's connection
with repairing plans for the trans-
siberian railway.

Daily cold baths are recommended
by physicians to those who have the
vigor to endure the shock, but few
physicians would recommend the ex-
ercise of the members of the Dime Bar
club of Boston, who take a daily
plunge in the ocean, regardless of the
weather. They have had in ship
board in the sea since before
they could get at the water. The first
man in usually remarks the time
happened with "Some in follows, the
water's fine!"

A trip into the Dismal Swamp is
one of the attractions offered by the
Jameson exhibition. A signpost
would have been erected to warn the
tourist square miles involved, which
movement are said not to be as dis-
mal as their name indicates. The
Dismal Swamp was once the hiding
place of runaway slaves. The swamp
itself was not terrible to them. It
seemed almost heavenly if they could
succeed in reaching it. The dismal
part was their flight across the south-
ern states.

"Commercial Club" suggests to
most minds a body of business men
organized to promote trade. The
club now in Indiana the words mean
a club of women formed for no com-
mercial, political or reformative pur-
pose, but with the single practical
object of raising money for a town hall.
The town has no place for general
public assembly, the town fathers
made no move to empty a place, and
the town mothers took the matter
into their hands. There will be a
town hall.

The time of Sam is visiting Italy
accompanied by 12 of his wives, the
remainder of his harem are domestic
establishment having been left at
home. The desire to travel to see
the world and to have one's family
be a family is a family. But the
last his Japanese Majesty taking his
wives. Italy is not far from Paris,
and doubtless the royal ladies will
insist upon going to the famous French
capital. And when they "catch
on" to Paris fashions what will
happen to his harem?

A talented woman who seems to
know what she is talking about says
that hysterical, sun-bathing children
come from the homes of the vulgar
well-to-do because their walls are
adorned with crayon portraits of the
deceased and monstrous masterpieces
of amateur art. What line of pictures
would she recommend to make a race
of Little Lord Fauntleroy?

The Italian villa that Mark Twain
is planning to build on his Connecticut
farm is going to have a persona. It
is not known yet whether Mark has
learned to play on it.

Oddly enough, despite the affection
with which she is regarded by the
people, Queen Alexandra has no cir-
cle of friends. Miss Knollys, who
never leaves her day or night, has
been described as "the queen's only
friend in England." Her majesty has
many acquaintances, but no friends.
Most queen consorts have a little
circle of their own, and usually have a
direct influence upon a certain sec-
tion of society. But Queen Alexandra
exerts no influence whatever.

Naturally, Secretary Taft requires a
very large circle to swing round.



IN THE RUEF TRIAL

SHERIFF AND CORONER DISQUALIFIED THE SECOND TIME.

SIX MORE GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS
In the Course of the Day's Proceed-
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portant Points.

San Francisco, Cal.—For the sec-
ond time since the trial of Abraham
Ruef for extortion was begun,
Superior Judge Dwyer formally dis-
qualified the sheriff and coroner of
San Francisco as unfit to perform any
of the functions of the former's office
in connection with this trial, and for
the second time appointed and ad-
ministered the oath to William J.
Bragg as sheriff. Bragg is now charged
not only with the custody of Ruef—
whom he keeps under heavy guard in
a Florence street boarding house—
but also with the summonsing of jury
men, it shall have been selected and
sworn.

In the course of Monday's proceed-
ings both the defense and the prosecu-
tion scored important points under
the rulings of Judge Dwyer. The pro-
secution submitted three motions:

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New York, N. Y.—It was an-
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begun the investigation of a report
that one of the jurors in the recent
trial of Harry K. Thaw had been "ap-
proached" by a policeman before the
trial closed. Henry C. Brearley, one of
the jurors had an interview with Dis-
trict Attorney Jerome. Later it was
announced that several of the other
Thaw jurors would be asked to come
to the district attorney's office and
tell of anything they knew of the re-
port in question.

It was reported that a policeman
talked with a juror on one of the
walks the juror took from the crim-
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QUAKE IN MEXICO

REPORTED THAT EARTH ROCKED
FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES.

THE LONGEST ON RECORD THERE

No Lives Reported Lost and Few Are
Injured—Preceded by an
Electric Flash.

City of Mexico, Mex.—An earth-
quake lasting four and a half min-
utes started this city. The earth
rocked in a long swaying motion.
Terrifying the inhabitants, repre-
sentatives of the press made a rapid
tour in cabs over the business streets
of the city, but nowhere could dam-
age beyond cracked walls and small
fissures in the pavements be found.
At the police stations no deaths had
been reported up to 12:40 a. m. A
wall on Santiago street collapsed, kill-
ing a number of horses and wounding
five men.

No reports have yet come from the
American colony, but it is not believed
that serious damage was sustained
there, although the houses, unlike
those in the old section of the city,
are not built to withstand earthquake
shocks. At the time of the first shock
the cafes and theaters were filled and
for a time a panic was feared, but
owing to the peculiarly steady swing
of the earth's movement, the crowds
left the buildings in comparative or-
der.

The shock was preceded by two
bright electric flashes which lit up the
sky to the northwest of the city. Up
to this time the property loss is re-
ported as very small. A number of
walls in unsubstantial buildings col-
lapsed and one on Rueharel street
narrowly missed burying the fleeing
natives of a nearby hotel.

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